# CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018, 7:30 P.M. 301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### DOCKET

- **1.** Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
- **2.** Approval of the January 22, 2018 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- **4. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add two-hour, 8 AM to 11 PM, Monday through Friday, residential restrictions on the north side of the 400 block of Hume Avenue.
- **ISSUE:** Consideration of the temporary removal of the motorcoach loading space on the unit block of King Street during the construction of improvements at Interim Fitzgerald Square and the Strand, as consistent with the recommendations of the Motorcoach Task Force.
- **6. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to do the following at 200 block of North Breckinridge Place:
  - 1. Remove one parking space on either side of the hotel driveway;
  - 2. Remove the taxi stand; and
  - 3. Add on-street restrictions to allow 2 hour parking between 7AM and Midnight and no parking between midnight and 7AM.
- **7. ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to remove 10 feet of parking on the east and west sides of the driveway of 1400 W Braddock Rd.

### STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

**8.** No Thru Truck Policy Update

## CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2018 7:30 P.M. 301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR ROOM 2000

#### MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Kevin Beekman, Randy Cole Ann Tucker and Casey Kane.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineer, Mary Martin Division Chief of Public Works Services, Steve Sindiong, Transit Capital Program Manager, Katye North, Parking Planner, Martin Barna, Transit Planner, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

- **1.** Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None
- 2. <u>Approval of the November 27, 2017 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes</u>: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**4. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to designate a disability parking space on 3107 Valley Dr.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. The Board was concerned that there was no ramp near the proposed disability parking space and considered moving the space closer to the corner. The applicant explained that the grade difference at the corner would make it hard for her to walk uphill in bad weather.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Ms. Henson, the applicant.

**BOARD ACTION**: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the request to designate a disability parking space on 3107 Valley Dr. The motion carried unanimously.

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking on both sides of the unit block of North Gordon Street between Duke Street and Uline Avenue.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board and explained that staff was only recommending removal of three spaces due to a parking shortage in the area. Mr. Garbacz also explained that North Gordon Street was only 30 feet wide leaving a 14 foot wide travel way when cars are parked on both sides of the street

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None**

**BOARD ACTION**: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to approve staff's recommendation to remove three parking spaces of the west side the unit block of North Gordon Street between Duke Street and Uline Avenue. The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Beekman, Mr. Kane, Mr. Lewis and Ms. Tucker voting in favor of the motion; and Mr. Cole voting in opposition.

**6. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove two parking spaces on the south side of Janney's Lane between Cloverway and the driveway for 810 Janney's Lane.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board and explained the existing traffic condition on Janney's Lane. The Board had concern that if the bus can't pull completely out of the travel lane, there will be a temptation for traffic to go over the median or into opposing traffic to pass.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Troche, the applicant.

**BOARD ACTION**: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to defer the request until DASH could provide input. The motion failed with Mr. Kane and Mr. Cole voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Johnson, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Beekman and Ms. Tucker voting in opposition. Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to remove two parking spaces on the south side of Janney's Lane between Cloverway and the driveway for 810 Janney's Lane and for DASH to evaluate the new configuration. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking and add two-space loading zones, Mon-Fri, 7AM 9AM and 4:30PM 6:30PM, at the following locations:
  - 4910 Brenman Park Drive
  - 4915 Brenman Park Drive
  - 4920 Brenman Park Drive

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board and explained the current parking usage in the Cameron Station community. The Board had concern about the speed limit request and the usage of parking in the area.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Ms. Chase and Ms. Langley spoke in favor of the request.

**BOARD ACTION**: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the request to remove parking and add two-space loading zones, Mon-Fri, 7AM - 9AM and 4:30PM - 6:30PM, at the following locations:

- 4910 Brenman Park Drive
- 4915 Brenman Park Drive
- 4920 Brenman Park Drive

The Board also directed staff to work with the community to implement more traffic calming in the neighborhood. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking and create a tour bus loading area from March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM – 10 PM on the eastern curb of the 100 block of North Royal Street.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. North presented the item to the Board and explained the current motor coach loading and unloading situation in Old Town. The Board had concern about polluted air around the Market Square area if motor coach buses idled too long.

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** None.

**BOARD ACTION**: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request to remove 155ft of parking and create a tour bus loading area from March  $1^{\rm st}$  to June  $30^{\rm th}$ , 2018,  $4~{\rm PM}-10~{\rm PM}$  on the eastern curb of the 100 block of North Royal Street and to place limits on the amount of time a bus can idle to 15 minutes or a time consistent with other bus loading areas. The motion carried unanimously.

- **9. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking for street sweeping at the following locations:
  - Monday Patrick St. northbound from Duke Street to Madison Street (Eastside curb lane) – 10:00am -12:00pm
  - Monday Henry St. southbound from First Street to Duke Street (Westside curb lane) 10:00am -12:00pm
  - Tuesday Patrick St. northbound from Duke Street to Madison Street (Westside curb lane) 10:00am -12:00pm

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Martin presented the item to the Board and explained the current parking usage on Henry Street and Patrick Street which obstructs the ability of street sweeping vehicles to clean the street. The Board had concern about the parking overflow on side streets and believed the outreach effort was insufficient.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Zane, Mr. Levevs opposed of the request.

**BOARD ACTION**: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to defer the request due to lack of community outreach. The Board directed staff to do more community outreach and bring the request back next month. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to temporarily remove parking on King Street and Daingerfield Road to accommodate temporary bus bays and bus layover

locations and allow for a temporary trolley stop in the temporary taxi area on Cameron Street during construction at the King Street-Old Town Metrorail station

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Sindiong, and Mr. Barna presented the item to the Board and explained the status of the King Street Metro project. The Board had concern about the confusion for transit users with different bay locations and the pedestrian safety.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke but, Mr. Hooff sent the board a letter opposing the request.

**BOARD ACTION**: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to:

- 1. temporarily remove parking on King Street and Daingerfield Road to accommodate temporary bus bays and bus layover locations;
- **2.** allow for a temporary trolley stop in the temporary taxi area on Cameron Street during construction;
- **3.** direct staff to review the contractor's maintenance of traffic submittals to ensure adequate provisions for pedestrians are incorporated; and,
- **4.** direct staff to take measures to minimize the duration of the construction.

The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES: None

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 26, 2018

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

**FROM:** T&ES STAFF

**SUBJECT:** DOCKET ITEM # 4

**ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to add two hour, 8 AM to 11 PM, Monday

through Friday, residential parking restrictions on the north side of the 400

block of Hume Avenue

**APPLICANT:** Vivian McPherson, Resident of the 400 block of Hume Avenue

**LOCATION:** 400 block of Hume Avenue

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The Board recommends to the City Manager posting two hour, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM residential parking restrictions on the north side of the 400 block of Hume Avenue.

## **DISCUSSION:**

A petition has been submitted by nearly all of the residents of the north side of the 400 block of Hume Avenue requesting District 11 signage be installed on their block (Attachment 1). This block currently falls within the existing boundary for Residential Permit Parking District 11 but does not have any residential permit parking signage posted limiting the hours non-District 11 vehicles can park. After verifying the validity of the petition, staff surveyed the block to determine if the parking conditions met the criteria established in the City Code.

This particular block has approximately 11 spaces. Staff conducted two surveys with the following results:

Date	Time	Number of Parked Vehicles	% Occupancy	Number of Non- Resident Vehicles	% of Non- Resident Vehicles
Thursday, January 25	10:30 AM	9	82%	2	22%
Friday, February 2	9:00 AM	11	100%	5	45%

The parking conditions observed during the second survey on February 2<sup>nd</sup> meet the requirements of the City Code to add residential permit parking signage. Specially, more than 75% of the spaces were occupied and of the parked vehicles, more than 25% were non-residents of the district. Staff determined the non-residency by noting which vehicles did not have a City decal (and were assumed not to be residents within District 11).

Similar to other blocks in District 11 with RPP signage, this is the last residential block on Hume Avenue before the commercial portion of Jefferson Davis Highway. It is likely that the employees of the businesses nearby are using the on-street spaces since they are unrestricted. Additionally, residents have noted non-residents parking on this block to access the nearby Metroway bus at Route 1 and Glebe Road. As the spaces on this block are currently unrestricted, these are legal uses of these spaces; however, it presents problems for residents who may need on-street parking near their homes.

District 11 encompasses several blocks (see map in Attachment 2), but only three blocks are actually posted with restrictions. These three blocks are immediately north of this block and were likely posted to address the issue of employees parking in the neighborhood. The residents are requesting restrictions similar to the block immediately north of Hume Avenue on Clifford Avenue, which is 2 hour, Monday-Friday, 8am-11pm.

Staff supports the residents' request and recommends residential permit parking signage be posted on this block.



## Petition for Adding Signage in a Residential Permit Parking District

Neighborhood	Contact: VIVIAN MCPherson
Address:	414 Hume ave afex VA
Telephone:	703.405 3588 Email: VM Acck@ Jakes. Cin
District:	11.
Block Face Rec	questing Signage (e.g. north side of the 100 block of Main Street):
N	outh side offhe 400 Block of Hume ale Evus
Proposed Rest	rictions (Check an option on each line):
L Wo Hours	Three Hours
8AM-5PM	8AM-9PM 8AM-2AM (following day)
Monday-Fri	day Monday-Saturday
No Sunday	Restrictions Sunday 11AM-11PM Sunday 11AM-2AM (following day)
Submit Comple	ted Petition to:
Transport	nt of Transportation and Environmental Services Email: Karye North@alexandriava.gov  Phone: (703) 746-4139
301 King	ing Planner Street, Room 3600 a, VA 22314

Resident Name (Printed)	Resident Signature	Address	7
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Vaniel Woshenbery	DWM?	1100 11	12/24/20
Julious Byrd	1 20 20	406 4 1	
JARUIS /	1.5%	424 Homs Ave	2/4/10
		104	16/64/17
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Please note signatures from residents who are not the listed owner of the residence.

Staff Only:	7
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	Number of Households that signed series
	Percentage of Households

## Attachment 2 – Map of Proposed Restrictions



## City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** JANUARY 22, 2017

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

**FROM:** T&ES STAFF

**SUBJECT:** DOCKET ITEM #5

**ISSUE:** Consideration of the temporary removal of the motorcoach loading space on the unit block of King Street during the construction of improvements at Interim Fitzgerald Square and the Strand, as consistent with the recommendations of the Motorcoach Task Force.

**APPLICANT:** City of Alexandria

**LOCATION:** Unit Block of King Street, north curb

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve the temporary removal of the motorcoach loading space on the unit block of King Street from March 1 to November 30, 2018.

**DISCUSSION:** In November 2016, the City's Motorcoach Task Force provided a number of recommendations to address tour bus parking and loading/unloading (a copy of the full report and recommendations can be found at <a href="https://www.alexandriava.gov/MotorcoachTaskForce">www.alexandriava.gov/MotorcoachTaskForce</a>). One of the recommendations was:

**Recommendation 2 –** During future periods where waterfront construction impacts tour bus operations, the Task Force recommends:

**A.** Suspending the use of the loading and unloading location at the Unit Block of King, and; **B.** Encouraging all the tour buses with destination points at the Waterfront to load/unload at the existing Market Square location, acknowledging that the addition of the new loading locations at Market Square will improve capacity.

This recommendation is intended to eliminate motorcoach conflicts near the waterfront during construction by directing all motorcoach traffic to Market Square. Construction of Interim Fitzgerald Square is scheduled to start in March and continue through November of this year. Although the actual loading space on King Street will not be impacted by construction, there will be construction activity adjacent to the space and along the Strand (See Attachments 1 and 2). Since many operators that use this space typically arrive in groups and some of the buses unload on the Strand, temporarily closing this space during construction is necessary to minimize

conflicts between the motorcoaches, construction vehicles, and pedestrians that would be loading and unloading from buses.

The loading spaces at Market Square should be adequate to meet demand for motorcoaches, particularly with the additional loading spaces that were approved last month to accommodate the busy season from March 1 to June 30, 2018 (see Attachment 3). Staff will update all motorcoach materials and share this information with the motorcoach operators that are registered in the City's reservation system to ensure everyone is aware of the temporary change. Once construction is complete later this year, the space will be reopened for motorcoach loading and unloading.

**Attachment 1 – Motorcoach Loading Space at the Unit Block of King Street** 



Attachment 2 – Rendering of Interim Fitzgerald Square

SHADE STRUCTURE

EXISTING DOCK

VEGETATED BUFFER

CRUSHED STONE
SYNTHETIC TURF

RAISED TREE PLANTER

WATERFRONT PARK

Attachment 3 - Approved Temporary Loading/Unloading Spaces at Market Square





NEW Temporary\* Tour Bus Loading
\*March 1 to June 30, 2018

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 26, 2018

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

**FROM:** T&ES STAFF

**SUBJECT:** DOCKET ITEM # 6

**ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to remove parking on N. Breckinridge Place

**APPLICANT:** Michael Policarpio, Manager of Extended Stay

**LOCATION:** 200 block of North Breckinridge Place

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board recommends to the Director:

- 1. Removing one parking space on either side of the hotel driveway;
- 2. Removing the taxi stand; and
- 3. Adding on-street restrictions to allow 2 hour parking between 7AM and Midnight and no parking between midnight and 7AM.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The manager of the Extended Stay Hotel on North Breckinridge Place has submitted a request to remove all of the parking spaces along North Breckinridge Place in front of the hotel property. He notes that the unrestricted spaces are primarily being used to store large commercial vehicles, such as dump trucks, which creates visibility issues for vehicles exiting the hotel parking lot by blocking views in both directions. Additionally, the presence of so many construction vehicles has negative impacts on the entrance to the hotel. Currently, no parking is permitted on the north side of the street and is unrestricted on the south side, except for 2 spaces closest to Lincolnia Road that are reserved for a taxi stand. The street is technically a dead-end street, but a number of people cut-through the adjacent shopping center and exit onto N. Breckinridge Place south of the hotel entrance.

The problem of construction vehicle parking and storage is not unique to this location. Commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking in residential areas, but there are no restrictions in the City Code that limit commercial vehicles from parking in other areas. Staff has received

similar requests to add restrictions that would prevent commercial vehicles from parking and essentially storing the vehicle on the public right of way. Most recently, restrictions were added along Wheeler Avenue to address this issue. On parts of that street, restrictions were added that allow two hour parking during the day (7am-midnight) and prohibit overnight parking (midnight-7am).

Staff understands the safety and aesthetic issues these vehicles present on N. Breckinridge for the hotel, but is not supportive of completely eliminating parking on this street. There have been complaints about commercial vehicles parking on other streets in the area, so any changes to this street need to be sensitive to spillover impacts to adjacent streets. Instead, staff recommends removing one space on either side of the driveway entrance to improve visibility and adding restrictions similar to what was added on Wheeler Avenue. In addition, staff recommends removing the taxi stand spaces since they do not appear to be well used.

## **Attachment 1 – Request**

Department of Planning & Zoning Alexandria VA

Katye North, AICP

Transportation Planning / Principal Planner

703.746.4139

Good afternoon Ms. North,

Per our conversation, we would like to request for a no parking street, right in-front of our business establishment; 205 North Brackenridge, Alexandria VA.

- Safety reason; For this Trucks/vehicle blocking the vision of incoming/outgoing vehicle (patrons).
- The truck drivers put cones-as if they on the spot. One driver claims that they pay the city to park in that spot.
- Very unsightly and promote a bad impression to any business establishment (DUMP). At times, lost of business.
- Across the same street is Fairfax side, however they put a "NO PARKING" sign, why not for both side of the street?

As you also mentioned, the Board will have their monthly meeting next week. We hope we could have this request in the docket.

Please note: I had reach out to the manager/owner of the business next to us, today, 1/29/2018. And they have no need for the street parking at Brackenridge and do not contest on being a no parking street.

Lincolnia Automotive – Marzi -703.750.18141

7-Eleven – Kun Moon

Please see photo below from Google Map.



2.





.....Same street but reverse view..



3. This truck owner park his car in replace of his truck, and vice versa.



4. This truck clearly block vision of incoming and out going vehicle.



## **Michael Policarpio**

Multi Unit General Manager

 $\underline{mpolicarpio@extendedstay.com}$ 

Extended Stay America - Alexandria Landmark

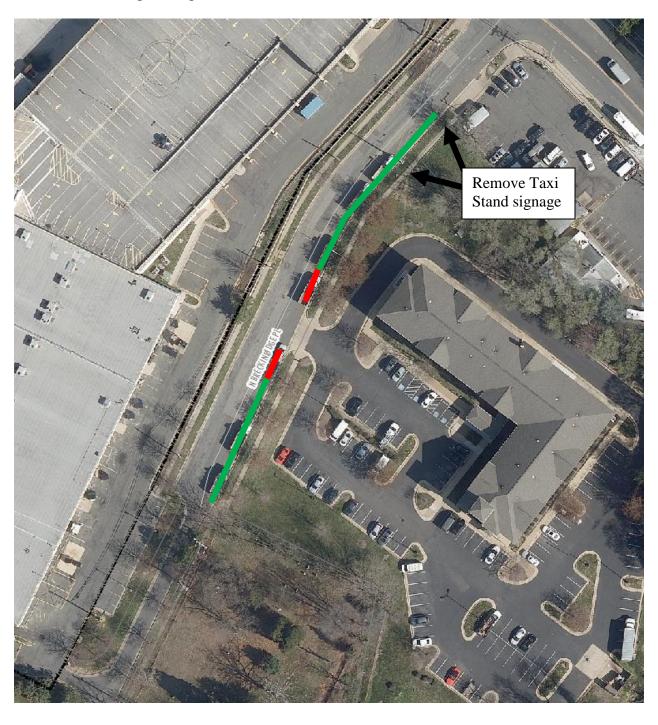
Phone: 703-941-9440 Fax: 703-941-9442

Extended Stay America – Springfield Virginia

Phone: 703-822-0992 Fax: 703-822-0875

For reservations, call 800.EXT.STAY or visit ExtendedStayAmerica.com

Attachment 2 – Map of Proposed Restrictions



Proposed "No Parking"

Proposed 2 Hour Parking between 7AM-Midnight and No Parking Midnight – 7 AM

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 26, 2018

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

**FROM:** T&ES STAFF

**SUBJECT:** DOCKET ITEM # 7

**ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to remove 10 feet of parking on the east and

west sides of the driveway of 1400 W Braddock Rd.

**APPLICANT:** Nancy Von Guggenberg

**LOCATION:** 1400 W Braddock Rd.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The Board recommends to the Director removing 10 feet of parking on the west and east side of the driveway of 1400 W. Braddock Rd.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Staff received a request from Ms. Guggenberg to remove parking on both sides of her driveway to improve sight distance when backing out of her driveway onto Braddock Road. The 85<sup>th</sup> percent speed on this section of Braddock Road is over 25 mph and the volume is close to 6,000 vehicles per day. In 2002 the Traffic and Parking Board approved a number of traffic calming measures to help manage the traffic speeds. The high volume and speed make egress from the driveway difficult. Staff believes that removing 10 feet of parking on the west and east side of the driveway will not negatively impact parking as this is not a heavily parked area except when there are events at one of the churches or there is a funeral.

From: Nancy von Guggenberg [mailto:nvongugg@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 12:19 PM

To: bob.garbacz@alexandria.va.gov

Cc: Alex von Guggenberg Subject: Parking hazard

### Dear Bob Garbacz,

I have been instructed that you are the person to contact regarding my problem and request. I live at 1400 W Braddock Rd 22302. There is street parking all along the road along my home. Most of this is welcomed and appreciated; however, it does pose a serious hazard for me backing out of my driveway when a line of cars is parked down the street starting at the end of my driveway. Today I had a narrow miss of being hit by an oncoming car which I was unable to see as I slowly tried to back out of my driveway. I believe if just one place is blocked off with painted lines (I do not want or need any concrete barriers, grass, etc erected there, simply some painted lines blocking off the first 6' or so, so that I may safely back out of my driveway without fear of being struck by a car which I cannot presently see when cars are parked there. Thank you for your prompt reply. Nancy

Sent from my iPhone Nancy von Guggenberg Alexandria Home Improvement 703 203 2363.

